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SUBJECT: EVACUATION OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS

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1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE RTG, MADE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK, WE HAVE RECENTLY AGREED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL THAI MISSION OFFICIAL EVACUEES FROM FIFTEEN TO TWENTY-FIVE. WE AGREED TO THIS INCREASE AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO RTG COOPERATIVENESS, WHICH WE NEED FOR E&E MATTERS AS WELL AS SUPPORT IN GENERAL TO OUR EFFORTS HERE.

2. WE HAVE NOT, AS DEPT CORRECTLY ASSUMES, BEEN APPROACHED BY MALAYSIANS OR INDONESIANS AND THEY ARE NOT, THEREFORE, IN OUR PLAN. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, INCLUDE THEM IF SO REQUESTED. WE DO NOT THINK THE NUMBER WOULD BE BURDENSOME SINCE BOTH EMBASSIES ARE SMALL, AND SOME OF THEIR PERSONNEL HAVE ALREADY LEFT. OUR ESTIMATE IS TEN TO FIFTEEN PERSONS, IF NOT LESS, FOR BOTH MISSIONS TOGETHER.

3. HOWEVER, AS REFTEL B INDICATED, THE QUESTION OF THAI, CONFIDENTIAL

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INDONESIAN AND MALAYSIAN INCLUSION IN OUR PLAN MAY BE

ENTIRELY OR PARTIALLY ACADEMIC SINCE THEY MAY BE LEAVING
IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON THAI AIRCRAFT. WE HAVE NOT
YET BEEN ABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHERE THE TRUTH LIES IN THE
WELTER OF RUMOR AND SPECULATION AROUND PHNOM PENH ABOUT
THE ALLEGED DEPARTURE OF THE ASEAN MISSIONS PLUS JAPAN,
AND WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

4. THE LAO PRESENT A SPECIAL CASE. THEY HAVE BEEN
INCLUDED IN OUR PLAN (2-4 PERSONS), BUT WE HAVE NOT
APPROACHED THEM RECENTLY BECAUSE OF THE CREATION OF THE
PGNU AND THE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS SITUATION THIS PLACES
THEM IN. NOR HAS THE LAO CHARGE APPROACHED US ABOUT
POSSIBLE EVACUATION. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO FIND OUT
DISCREETLY WHAT THEIR STATUS IS.
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